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1. [redacted] officers who because of exclusion from the
CP are discharged from the Soviet Army [redacted]

[redacted] are put into the inactive reserve and return to
civilian status. They are classified as "officers
without rank" and if called up they may be assigned any
lower officer rank, and their promotions are frozen.
They may be called up for short tours of refresher train-
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2. [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] there is very little demobilization of officers
at present. The policy is to keep a large officer corps.

[redacted] Promotions during
the war were widespread and rapid.

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They would be called by the Voenkomat to conduct military training in either Dosarm, Dosav or Dosflot, depending on the branch of service they were in. This training was conducted evenings after work or week ends. It was planned not to interfere with civilian occupation. They might be called up for short refresher courses as well. (This was in 1947 and earlier).

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two Naval schools in Astrakhan, which are call "concealed schools," ie, the buildings carry no name of the school, students all wear the same uniform, and are trained, presumably as mechanics and technicians, but only about half the graduates go into civilian naval positions while the other half go directly into the Soviet Navy. It is possible that there are Army schools which are also concealed as to their purpose in training Army personnel.

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An order # 0150 was issued in April 1951 which categorically forbade bringing into a military establishment or consuming on the premises any alcoholic beverage. Punishment for the military was a court sentence; for a civilian, return to the USSR. Military personnel were also explicitly forbidden to visit German restaurants or stores. At the same time vodka was removed from the PX's.

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Russians are accustomed to being very resourceful and very devious, and they found means to bribe Germans to provide them with liquor. For money, a German was usually able to provide any amount of liquor.

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